

law, the report of a rule entitled "Changes to Implement Eighteen-Month Publication of Patent Applications" (RIN0651-AB05) received on September 12, 2000; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-10785. A communication from the Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to building a better criminal justice system fiscal year 1999; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-10786. A communication from the Director of the Policy Directives and Instructions Branch, Immigration and Naturalization Service, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "National interest waivers for second preference employment-based immigrant physicians serving in medically underserved areas or at Department of Veterans' Affairs facilities" (RIN1115-AF75) received on September 14, 2000; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-10787. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulations Management, Office of Resolution Management, Department of Veterans' Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Sex in Education Programs or Activities Receiving Federal Financial Assistance" (RIN2900-AJ11) received on September 12, 2000; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-10788. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulations Management, Office of Resolution Management, Department of Veterans' Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Cash Values for National Service Life Insurance (NSLI) and Veterans Special Life Insurance Term-Capped Policies" (RIN2900-AJ35) received on September 12, 2000; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-10789. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulations Management, Office of Resolution Management, Department of Veterans' Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Increase in Rates Payable Under the Montgomery GI Bill—Active Duty" (RIN2900-AJ89) received on September 12, 2000; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-10790. A communication from the Acting Secretary of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, a summary of the VA's Hammer Awards Program; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-10791. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, a notification relative to the system-level Live Fire Test and Evaluation; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-10792. A communication from the Chief of the Programs and Legislation Division, Office of Legislative Liaison, Department of the Air Force, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the cost comparison to reduce the cost of the Base Operating Support (BOS) functions; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-10793. A communication from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, a notice relative to a retirement; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-10794. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the cooperative threat reduction (CTR) multi-year program plan for fiscal year 2001; to the Committee on Armed Services.

## INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mr. VOINOVICH (for himself and Mr. DURBIN):

S. 3062. A bill to modify the date on which the Mayor of the District of Columbia submits a performance accountability plan to Congress, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. SCHUMER:

S. 3063. A bill to amend the Fair Credit Reporting Act to provide for disclosure of credit-scoring information by creditors and consumer reporting agencies; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

## SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent resolutions and Senate resolutions were read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. LOTT (for himself and Mr. DASCHLE):

S. Res. 358. A resolution relative to the Death of Murray Zweben, Parliamentarian Emeritus of the United States Senate; considered and agreed to.

## STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

Mr. VOINOVICH (for himself and Mr. DURBIN):

S. 3062. A bill to modify the date on which the Mayor of the District of Columbia submits a performance accountability plan to Congress, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

### DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA PERFORMANCE ACCOUNTABILITY PLAN AMENDMENTS ACT OF 2000

Mr. VOINOVICH. Mr. President, I rise today to introduce legislation to improve upon the District of Columbia's process for measuring and reporting on its performance. This legislation derives directly from a letter sent to me by the Mayor of the District of Columbia, in which he requested that Congress consider making minor changes to the District's reporting requirements so that the city can take one step closer to establishing a system of performance budgeting, in which the city's budget can be linked directly to the performance goals set by the city's agencies. I am pleased that Senator DURBIN joins me as an original cosponsor of this bill.

Similar to the intent of Congress in passing the Government Performance and Results Act of 1993, which re-engineered the management practices at federal agencies, the District of Columbia Financial Responsibility and Management Assistance Act of 1995 (DCFRMA) mandates that the District begin submitting performance accountability plans to Congress preceding each fiscal year. These plans are to establish objective, measurable perform-

ance goals for all agencies and departments within the government of the District of Columbia. The legislation also requires the District to submit to Congress a performance accountability report, following each fiscal year, that evaluates the city's ability to meet the performance goals it laid out in the performance accountability plan for that fiscal year.

For the past three fiscal years since the DCFRMA legislation took effect, the performance plans and reports have provided the District with a valuable tool to establish a system of accountability in its operations. The Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, Restructuring, and the District of Columbia, which I chair, has held two oversight hearings on the District's progress in improving performance, and we are scheduled to hold another hearing in the coming weeks to evaluate the District's progress in accomplishing the goals it set out in its FY2000 performance accountability plan.

Although the performance accountability plan legislation has provided the District with an effective framework for establishing a system of performance budgeting, our bill proposes minor changes to the law to improve the utility and relevance of this strategic planning exercise. First, current law provides that the performance accountability plan is due no later than March 1st preceding each fiscal year. However, in order to tie together the city's budget with the performance goals for each year, the Mayor requested that we consider harmonizing the submission deadline for the performance plan with the city's budget to Congress. In order to align the submission requirements, this legislation we are introducing today would change the submission deadline for the performance accountability plan from its current March 1st deadline, to a deadline that is concurrent with the submission of the District of Columbia budget to Congress. By making this change, we hope to align the budget and the performance measures more closely, and help guide the city toward a system of performance budgeting.

The second change made by this legislation is to streamline the performance goal requirements that were initially established in the DCFRMA. The current law mandates that, for every goal, the District must establish both an acceptable level of performance and a superior level of performance. Our bill proposes that the multiple levels of performance goals be replaced by one set of ambitious performance targets. This would clarify the goals District managers are expected to meet and align congressional mandates on the District with what is required of federal agencies.

Senator DURBIN and I hope these technical amendments to the performance plan requirements will allow the